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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, [REDACTED] 25X1A

SUBJECT: "Piquet Report"

25X1A 1. Herewith is the review of subject report prepared in the Economic Research Area of ORR at the request of [REDACTED] 25X1A
Also attached is the report under discussion.

2. The comments included, although frank, are intended to be constructive and to be of assistance in revising the report to reflect more properly the true nature of Soviet economic development as contrasted with the East.

25X1A 3. You will note that the comments, per se, are UNCLASSIFIED and might be transmitted to the Committee Staff at [REDACTED] discretion.

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Enclosure:
Review of "Piquet Report"

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Review of Piquet Report

1. In spite of the limited time available to check this report, it has been given a thorough reading and a more than cursory check with existing CIA estimates.

2. The use of unclassified sources has been extremely discriminating. There are few areas in which additional general materials are available which might have been employed in the report, some of these have been indicated in the review.

3. The resulting paper as well as the presentation of the data, however, has been so slanted that a person with only a lay conception of the economies of the Soviet Bloc and those of the West might be more misled than informed from its reading. The slant results in a picture which seriously understates the relative strength of the Soviet Bloc.

Attachment



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